

I congratulate Karlynda Johnson for her achievements in school and in her community and am proud to represent such talented and dedicated people in the 31st District of Texas.

**PLUMBERS LOCAL UNION 210
BANQUET**

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great sincerity and respect that I offer congratulations to several of Northwest Indiana's most talented, dedicated, and hardworking individuals. On Friday, June 6, 2008, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will honor the graduating class of 2008 at the Annual prentice Graduation Banquet, which will be held at the Patio Banquet Hall in Merrillville, Indiana.

At this year's banquet, the Plumbers Local Union 210 will recognize and honor the 2008 apprentice graduates. The individuals who have completed the apprentice training in 2008 are: Sonny Armato, Ben Buchholz, Nick Goodman, Chad Hofferth, Timothy LaMere, Mario Lopez, Robert Matthews, Kamilah Weaver, Jacob Wesley, and David Young.

Northwest Indiana has a rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. These graduates are outstanding examples of each. They have mastered their trade and have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and selfless dedication.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating these dedicated and hardworking individuals. Along with the other men and women of Northwest Indiana's unions, these individuals have committed themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development of the economy of the First Congressional District, and I am very proud to represent them in Washington, DC.

**HONORING OUR HEROES ON
MEMORIAL DAY**

HON. MIKE PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay a debt to those we could never repay . . . the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces, both past and present. It was their duty to serve, and with Memorial Day 2008 on the horizon, it is our duty to remember.

In a tradition that began just 3 years after the end of the Civil War, Americans set aside the 30th day of May each year to remember the sacrifice made by our service men and women who died while defending freedom.

On May 30, 1868, flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. That practice has continued for over 130 years as millions of Americans have laid flowers on the graves of soldiers from World War II, Vietnam and as recently as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Madam Speaker, I would like to pay special remembrance today to the soldiers, marines

and guardsmen from the Sixth Congressional District of Indiana who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN IRAQ

Matthew R. Smith: Smith died May 10, 2003, in a vehicle accident in Kuwait. Age: 20. Hometown: Anderson, Ind. Died: 05/10/2003. Service: Marine Corps. Rank: Lance Corporal (E-3). Unit: reservist, assigned to Detachment 1, Communications Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group, Peru, Ind.

Shawn D. Pahnke: Pahnke was killed June 16, 2003, by a sniper while on patrol. Age: 25. Hometown: Shelbyville, Ind. Died: 06/16/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Private (E-2). Unit: Company C, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Chad L. Keith: Keith was killed July 7, 2003, when a roadside bomb exploded as his unit patrolled the streets of Baghdad. Age: 21. Hometown: Batesville, Ind. Died: 07/07/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 2-325th Infantry, Company D, Fort Bragg, NC.

Frederick L. Miller Jr.: Miller was killed Sept. 20, 2003, when an improvised explosive device hit his vehicle. Age: 27. Hometown: Hagerstown, Ind. Died: 09/20/2003. Service: Army. Rank: Staff Sergeant (E-6). Unit: Troop K, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Carson, Colo.

Robert E. Colvill, Jr.: Colvill was among five soldiers killed July 8, 2004, in Baghdad. All were in the Iraqi National Guard Headquarters when it came under a mortar attack. Age: 31. Hometown: Anderson, Ind. Died: 07/08/2004. Service: Army. Rank: Sergeant (E-5). Unit: 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Raymond L. White: White died Nov. 12, 2004, in Baghdad when his patrol was attacked with small arms fire. Age: 22. Hometown: Elwood, Ind. Died: 11/12/2004. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Armor), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Scott Zubowski: Zubowski died when a roadside bomb exploded during combat operations near Fallujah in Iraq's Al Anbar province on Nov. 12, 2005. Age: 20. Hometown: Manchester, Ind. Boyhood Hometown: New Castle, Ind. Died: 11/12/2005. Service: Marine Corps. Rank: Lance Corporal (E-3). Unit: 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Michael A. Bechert: Bechert was mortally wounded when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq on May 30, 2007. He was transferred to Fort Sam Houston Hospital in San Antonio, Texas, where he died on June 14, 2007. Age: 24. Hometown: Schweinfurt, Germany. Boyhood Hometown: New Castle, Ind. Died: 06/14/2007. Service: Army. Rank: Staff Sergeant (E-6). Unit: 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

Johnathan A. Lahmann: Lahmann was mortally wounded when a vehicle-borne IED detonated near his vehicle in Baiji, Iraq on December 10, 2007. He was transferred to Tikrit, Iraq, where he died later that day. Age: 21. Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Boyhood Hometown: Richmond, Ind. Died: 12/10/2007. Service: Army. Rank: Specialist (E-4). Unit: 59th

Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN

Jeremy Wright: Wright died when an improvised explosive device struck his military vehicle. Age: 31. Hometown: Shelbyville, Ind. Died: 01/03/2005. Service: Army. Rank: Sergeant (E-5). Unit: 2nd Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group, Fort Lewis, Washington.

Michael Hiester: Hiester died when his military vehicle struck a land mine 30 miles west of Kabul, Afghanistan. Age: 33. Hometown: Bluffton, Ind. Died: 03/26/2005. Service: Indiana Army National Guard. Rank: Master Sergeant (E-8). Unit: 76th Infantry Brigade, Army National Guard, Indianapolis.

Mr. Speaker, these brave men, like those who went before them, made the ultimate sacrifice so that Americans can enjoy the freedoms we treasure.

It was their duty to serve; it is our duty to remember.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5658, which provides funds for the Gateway System. I am requesting funding in the FY09 Defense Authorization bill, Navy Procurement account for the Gateway System manufactured by Ocean Design, Inc., located at 1026 North Williamson Boulevard in Daytona Beach, Florida 32114.

The \$3 million authorized in the Navy's Procurement budget is to provide funding to the Navy for the purchase of the Gateway System that has been under development by the Navy to provide a fixed surveillance system in meeting the Nation's Maritime Domain Awareness security requirements. This is the first year procurement money will be used to fund this project. There will be no cost share, as this project will benefit the United States Navy.

The U.S. Navy has a requirement to defend the maritime approaches to the United States and monitor the littorals as articulated in the Navy's 2006 National Strategy for Maritime Security. The Gateway System is an open architecture system that allowed for sensors to be connected covertly to monitor activity on the ocean floor, from the ocean floor to the surface of the water, and above the water to provide awareness of all activity to counter mines, submarines, water traffic, and terrorism that may pose a threat to the fleet and to the United States.

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RECEIVING THE 2008 SERVICE TO
AMERICA PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate KTVK-TV (3TV, Arizona Family), recipient of the 10th annual National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation 2008 Service to America Partnership